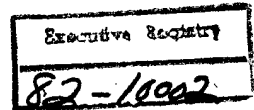


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NOTE FOR: Executive Director



FROM: Richard J. Kerr
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The following responds to your request of 3 August for talking points on five points raised in an "anonymous" memorandum.

Point 1. With no warning at all to consumers sometime within the past year or two CIA policy in regard to publishing and circulating unclassified reports changed dramatically. Statistical and analytical reports I had received regularly for years ceased to arrive.

Response. This is correct. NFAC Notice No. 51-12, dated 23 October 1981 established new procedures for the production and dissemination of unclassified material.

Point 2. I am informed that now only consultants to the Agency receive gratis such reports as are being published. All others including academicians, are expected to subscribe through the Library of Congress for a not-insubstantial fee. Now analytical reports are no longer being published on an unclassified basis; some statistical reports continue to be made available through the Library of Congress.

Response. Agency publications are intended for the use of CIA and other agencies of the US Government. Unclassified analytical pieces are no longer produced. Occasionally, with the approval of the DDI, selected reports may be sanitized and released to the public. In

some cases, the DCI or DDCI may initiate the release of a particular report. The DDI does disseminate unclassified material for official use within the government to consultants, to contractor personnel and to other organizations and individuals with whom it has an official relationship. Persons outside the US Government with no official relationship can order unclassified Agency products through the Library of Congress' DOCEX Project or through the Commerce Department's NTIS. STAT

Point 3. Among the publications which I no longer receive are: Handbook of Economic Statistics (annual); National Basic Intelligence Factbook (annual); China: International Trade (quarterly); Soviet Economy in (year) and Prospects for (next year) (annual); also irregularly appearing analytical reports on various aspects of the Chinese, Soviet and East European economics.

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Response. All unclassified Agency publications are made available to outsiders to purchase through DOCEX or NTIS. The statistical reviews produced by the Agency are available for purchase through these channels.

Point 4. I am by no means the only academician who has complained about the new policy. I suspect every Soviet, East European and Chinese scholar who is not an agency consultant has complained formally or informally. I know of several of the stature of _____ who have complained to the Agency.

Response. We are not in a position to verify the level or number of complaints received from outsiders regarding the current procedures for producing and disseminating unclassified material. The new procedures were certainly not directed at academicians, but at enabling us to carry out more effectively the support needed by our key consumers. The DDI, in its plan to improve the quality of analysis, has specifically initiated plans to broaden and deepen the exchange of ideas and information with experts on the outside by utilizing additional university course work, conferences and informal sessions. Most university libraries should have no problem justifying the expense of a subscription to receive unclassified Agency publications for use by researchers and scholars.

Point 5. The new policy which was apparently not instigated by financial considerations is very short-sighted. It can only result in a diminution of national understanding of how the Communist countries operate and consequently in foreign policy which is less well understood. At best it will delay academic research and impede more widespread comprehension of the nature of the world environment in which the U.S. must live. At worst, it will further misunderstanding and faulty policy information.

Response. The new procedures were not directed against academics. Unclassified material, primarily in the form of reference aids and statistical reviews, are still being made available. Concerns expressed in the memorandum are, in reality, becoming less a problem as the Agency extends its contacts with outside experts through the use of consultants, contractors, _____ conferences and courses.

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